

GIBSON MEMORIAL UNITED CHURCH
FREDERICTON, N.B.

January 13, 2019 11:00a.m. Baptism of the Lord Sunday

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

*denotes standing for those who are able

PRELUDE WELCOME ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE APPROACH GOD

“The winds of grace are always blowing, but we must set our sails.”

--Sri Ramakrishna (1836-1886)

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE: Isaiah 43:1-7

CALL TO WORSHIP: (based on Psalm 71)

One: In you, O God, I take refuge;
you are my hope and my trust.

All: Life is sometimes hard. There are challenges.
There are difficulties. There is pain.

Together: We walk forward holding on to each other knowing
that when we do, you are present with us. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN: “Psalm 100: Make a Joyful Noise” 820

OPENING PRAYER: God you have called us by name and we are yours. For every act of love, every gesture of gentleness, every gift of acceptance, we give you thanks. When life’s road becomes dark with its many twists and unexpected turns, help us to remember your promise that you will never forsake us or leave us. Grant us faith, give us hope when all seems lost. Help us to remember your promise that when we pass through the waters, that you will be with us; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm us. You will be with us. In Jesus’ name, we pray. Amen.

CHILDREN’S HYMN: “God Sees the Little Sparrow Fall”
(see insert)

CONVERSATION TIME

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WE LISTEN FOR GOD’S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 3:15-17, 21-22 *Tom O’Connell*

SERMON: “An Act of Courage”

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Heather Fyffe

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

PRAYERS OF AND FOR THE PEOPLE

THE LORD’S PRAYER

OFFERTORY and PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS

*THE DOXOLOGY: 541

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures high and low;
give thanks to God in love made known:
Creator, Word and Spirit, One.

*OFFERTORY PRAYER: God of Gentleness, who cares about the wounded of the world, inspire us to continue to be generous in our giving. May we live each day in such a way that it brings light to those who live in the dark. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN: “I Was There to Hear...” 644

*COMMISSIONING and BENEDICTION

*SUNG BLESSING:

Go now in peace. Never be afraid.
God will go with you each hour of everyday.
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.
Know He will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love, and show you believe.
Reach out to others so all the world can see.
God will be there watching from above.
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.
Amen. Amen. Amen.

POSTLUDE

MINISTER	REV. KELLY HIGGINS
ORGANIST/CHOIR DIRECTOR	HEATHER FYFFE
OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR	MARSHA DALEY
CUSTODIAN	BRIAN BUBAR

Sunday Worship: 11 a.m.
Office Hours: Monday – Friday, 8:30 – 12 noon and 1 – 3 p.m.
Rev. Kelly’s office hours: Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday, 9 – 12 noon.
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CONGREGATIONAL INFORMATION

Good morning and welcome to EVERYONE. May this worship service be a blessing in your day. Everyone is invited to share in **coffee/tea/juice** and **conversation** in the hall immediately following the service. **Greeters** today are Hans & Lolita Gunter and next week will be Perry & Alexina Stewart. **Tellers** today are Gladys Gallant and Valerie & Phil Barton and next week will be Robert Grant & Bill Field. **Taping** the service today is Chris Banks and next week will be Lindon Miller. In the **Nursery** today is Lindsey Mackay and next week will be Ashley Sheppard.

Services & Meetings this week: Jan. 14 - 18, 2019

Monday	9:30	Shuffleboard
	7:00	Finance
Tuesday	1:30	Women Together
	7:00	Council

Upcoming Services & Meetings:

Jan. 27	12:00	New Year’s Potluck Lunch
Jan. 30	7:00	Trustees
Feb. 17	11:00	Annual Meeting
Mar. 5	4:00	Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

Shuffleboard has resumed at Gibson on Monday’s, 9:30 – 11:30 a.m. New members are welcome! Also **Women Together** is meeting at Gibson on Tuesday’s, 1:30 – 3 p.m. All are welcome!

Property News: The Property Committee would like to notify the congregation that effective immediately the back door of the hall will be locked at 11 a.m. each Sunday. Last week there was an incident where some items were stolen from coats hanging in the upper coat racks and from vehicles in the parking lot. Please take the necessary precautions to protect your belongings

Sunday School News:

The Sunday School Children wish to thank you for all the snacks for the children in 2018. As we are headed in 2019, we are wondering if you would be able to **donate some snacks** in the new year. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the church hall. The children like granola bars, popcorn and home-made cookies. Thanks so much! *Jessica and Ashley.*

Reverend Kelly’s Hours in 2019: Kelly is in the office Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings. She can be reached at 457-1735. Her email address is revkellygibson@nb.aibn.com . Her day off is Monday. The community outreach program where food and vouchers are given out to those in need happens on Tuesday mornings. Home visits including nursing homes happens in the afternoons on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons. Friday is reserved for sermon writing and emergency pastoral care. **If you have not had a visit yet and would like one please let her know.** She wants to visit with everyone. ☺

Reminder: If you go into the hospital through the Emergency Department and **are admitted your name will not appear** on the United Church Clergy Visitor’s list. So please remember if you want a hospital visit from Kelly to please let her know. If you do not let her know that you have been admitted she cannot visit you. Your name will not be on the list. Thank you. ☺

Upcoming Community Events:

Jan. 31 – Feb. 1 Collective Theatrics presents THE HUNCHBACK OF NOTRE DAME at the Tom Morrison Theatre: 7:30 p.m. Tickets: \$25. Musical Director: **Heather Fyffe**

God Sees the Little Sparrow Fall

God see the little sparrow fall,
It meets His tender view;
If God so loves the little birds,
I know He loves me too.

Chorus:

*He loves me too, He loves me too,
I know He loves me too;
Because He loves the little things,
I know He loves me too.*

He paints the lily of the field,
Perfumes each lily bell;
If He so loves the little flowers,
I know He loves me well.

Chorus

God made the little birds and flowers,
And all things large and small;
He'll not forget His little ones,
I know He loves them all.

Chorus